

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Kirk E. VANDEZANDE  
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For : Hierarchical Optimization for Procedural Effectiveness  
TC/A.U. : 1631  
Examiner : ZHOU, Shubo  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment dated August 1, 2007, applicant submits a Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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